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SCIENTIFIC NEWS.

A course of eight free lectures mainly upon Science and Travel has been arranged by the Field Columbian Museum for Saturday afternoons in October and November at the usual hour, 3 o'clock. Most of these lectures will be illustrated by stereopticon views. Subjects, Dates and Lecturers: Oct. 3.—"Archeological Explorations in Peru," Dr. G. A. Dorsey, Assistant Curator of Anthropology, Field Columbian Museum. Oct. 10.—"A Trip to Popocatepetal and Ixtaccihuatl," Prof. O. C. Farrington, Curator of Geology, Field Columbian Museum. Oct. 17.—"San Domingo," Mr. G. K. Cherrie, Assistant Curator of Ornithology, Field Columbian Museum. Oct. 24.—"Egypt and what we know of her," Dr. J. H. Breasted, Instruction in Egyptology and Semitics, University of Chicago. Oct. 31.—"The Petroleum Industry," Dr. D. T. Day, Chief of Division of Mineral Resources, U. S. Geological Survey. Nov. 7.—"Alaska and its Inhabitants," Prof. George L. Collie, Beloit College, Wis. Nov. 14.—"The Economic Geology of the Sea," Mr. H. W. Nichols, Curator of Economic Geology, Field Columbian Museum. Nov. 21.—"The Physical Geography of New England," Dr. H. B. Kümmel, Assistant Professor of Physiography, Lewis Institute.

Dr. Ludwig Reh, formerly assistant in the Museum at São Paulo, Brazil, has been appointed assistant in the Concilium Bibliographicum at Zürich. With this addition to the working force the Bureau will soon bring its work up to date; and its cards will be sent out more frequently than before.

The annual meeting of the American Psychological Association will be held at Boston, December 29th and 30th, 1896, that place and time having been chosen by the American Society of Naturalists and ratified by the President of the Association.

The Executive Committee of the American Society of Naturalists have decided to hold the next meeting of the Naturalists at Boston and have chosen the Inheritance of Acquired Characters for the theme of discussion.

The next session of the Association of American Anatomists shall be held in Washington City, May, 1897, in conjunction with the other societies of the Congress of American Physicians and Surgeons.

J. H. Maiden has been appointed government botanist and director of the botanical gardens of New South Wales, succeeding Charles Moore who held the position for nearly fifty years.

Mr. F. F. Blackman has been appointed assistant in botany in the University of Cambridge, and Dr. E. Albrecht assistant in the Anatomical Institute of the University of Munich.

The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia has conferred the Hayden Memorial Geological Award for 1896 on Prof. Giovanni Capellini of the University of Bologna.

Prof. A. N. Kuznetzow has been advanced to the position of ordinary professor of botany and director of the botanical gardens in the University of Dorpat.

The Ninth Annual Winter Meeting of the Geological Society of America will be held in the city of Washington, D. C., on December 29, 30, 31, 1896.

Dr. H. Hanns, Th. Loesener and P. Gräbner have been called as scientific assistants to the botanical museum of the University of Berlin.

Dr. L. Kathariner, of Würzburg, goes to the professorship of zoology and comparative anatomy in the University of Freiburg, Switzerland.

Dr. V. Schiffner has been advanced to the position of professor extraordinary of botany in the German University of Prague.

Dr. A. Möller, of Idstein, well-known for his studies of South American botany has gone to the Forestry Academy at Eberswald.

The Ministry of Education has conferred the title of professor upon the botanist Dr. Kienitz-Gerloff, of Weilberg on the Lahn.

Dr. B. Hofer, of the University of Munich, has been appointed professor of fish culture in the Veterinary school at Munich.

Dr. K. Busz, formerly of Marburg, has gone to the University of Munich as extraordinary professor of mineralogy.

Dr. F. W. K. Müller has been advanced to the position of directors assistant in the Museum of Ethnology in Berlin.

Dr. H. F. Reid, of Johns Hopkins University has been advanced to the position of assistant professor of geophysics.

Prof. K. von Kupffer, of Munich, has been elected corresponding member of the Prussian Academy of Sciences.

Dr. V. A. H. Horsley, professor of histology in University College, London, has been made professor emeritus.

Dr. Standenmaier, of Munich, goes to the Lyceum at Friesing as Professor of Chemistry and Mineralogy.

Dr. J. Lerch, well-known for his studies of the Swiss flora, died at Couvet, March 13th of this year.

Canon A. M. Norman is hereafter to be addressed at Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham, England.

Dr. F. Kohl has been advanced to the position of ordinary professor in the University of Marburg.

Dr. A. Hosius, professor of mineralogy in the Academy of Münster, died May 11, aged 71 years.

Dr. R. Zuber is now professor extraordinarius of geology in the University of Lemberg.

Dr. A. Zimmermann, of Berlin, goes to the Botanical Gardens at Buitenzorg, Java.

Dr. H. Henking is now professor of zoology in the University of Göttingen.

Prof. W. Tief, of Villach, Carniola, a student of the Diptera, is dead.